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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 6/16/2020
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Sheldon "Mr. Vince" Vincent, Sr.
Office: Councilman, District 1
Parish: JEFFERSON
Election Date: 10/12/2019
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/6/2019
Date Filed: 11/15/2019
Activity Receipts: \$-0
Expenditures: \$-0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$540
Days Late: 9
Late Fee Order Received: 3/2/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/23/2020
Waiver Request Received: 3/16/2020
Additional Information Requested:
XX - Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: That Sunday after qualifying had to take my wife to the emergency room because she had a severe headache. Afterwards, ex-rays revealed a blood vessel bleeding from her brain, She would spend most of the following week in the hospital trying to get her blood pressure under control. In addition, my wife had a operation schedule for the end of September, 2019 which included two additional emergency room visits, weeks of home health care, medical appointments and long recovery period. He did not make any expenditures passed what was reported in the report due October 12, 2019. I did not file a 10th Day prior General Report (10-G) report, because to me the rules seem to state that since I lost in the primary no report was required.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

March 12, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics

P.O. Box 4368

Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Request for waiver of late fee assessment for the October 12, 2019 Election

10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 9 days late

Dear Board:

I respectfully request a waiver of late fees because of the following mitigating factors.

First, this was my second time running for any elected office; this was both an honor and a sacrifice. I had been thinking of running for elected office for over 2 years when the Parish President was banned from school grounds. When I heard that Chris Roberts would not run for a second term as Council in my district and elections would be held October 12, I decided to enter the race. Since this was my second time, I tried to correct the mistakes I made the first time I ran. I wanted to qualify early and change my voter registration from no party affiliation back to Republican, because I am conservative and that was my party affiliation when I moved into the parish back in 1993. Despite my desire to qualify early I did not make it until the last day, but I was able to change my party affiliation before I qualified that Friday August 8, 2019. I began to run into obstacles the Sunday after qualifying. That Sunday after I qualified I had to take my wife to the emergency room because she had a severe head ache. Afterwards, ex-rays revealed a blood vessel bleeding from her brain. She would spend most of the following week in the hospital trying to get her blood pressure under control. In addition, my wife had a operation schedule for the end of September, 2019 which included two additional emergency room visits, weeks of home health care, medical appointments and a long recovery period.

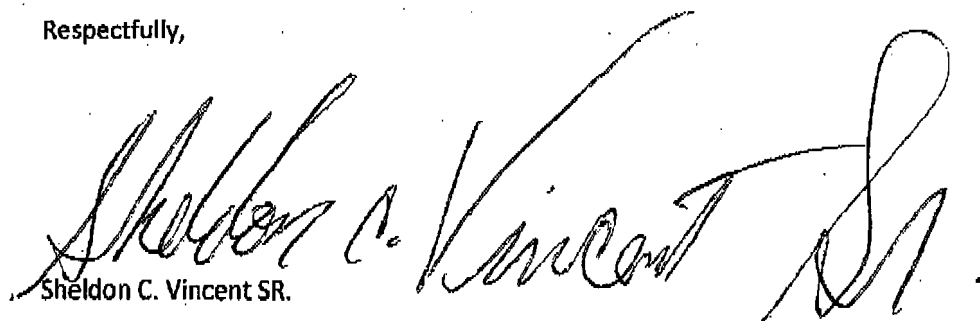
Second, another mistake I made in the last election was I only attended one candidate endorsement interview. So, when I attended the Republican endorsement forum I was yelled at and heckled because I had recently changed my party affiliation. After that experience I did research and found out that the local Republican Chairman had long since handpicked the Democratic candidate (Marion Edwards).

Third, the primary election was October 12, 2019 which resulted in my opponent getting more than 51% of the vote. October 12, 2019 my candidacy ended, the rules I received (Election Day Expenditures Report) states that "If no Election Day expenditures are made, an Election Day Expenditure Report does

not need to be filed." I believed that I may have called the Ethics Board for clarification on this issue, but I did not get a response.

In conclusion, on October 12, 2019 because of the aforementioned factors, I did not make any expenditures passed what was reported in the report due October 2, 2019. I did not to file a 10th Day prior General Report (10-G) report, because to me the rules seem to state that since I lost in the primary no report was required. In short, I am respectfully requesting that the late fees be waived.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheldon C. Vincent SR.", followed by a large, stylized flourish or initial.

Sheldon C. Vincent SR.

FAX

DATE 16 March 2020
TO Louisiana Board of Ethics
COMPANY Angela Newsom, Director
FAX NUMBER 225-381-7271
FROM Sheldon C. Vincent SR.
Late fee waiver letter



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